

Ivychurch Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

16th June 2022

Present: Rick Bailey (RB), Julie Bailey (JB), Andy Daburn (AD), Alan Martin (AM), Jan Robertson (JR), Julie Devenish (Jools)

Apologies: John Goldsmith (JG)

Members of the Public: 5

Meeting Opening

Mr Rick Bailey was elected unanimously as the coming year's Parish Chair – proposal by Alan Martin, seconded by Jan Roberts.

Declarations of Interest : None ;

Previous Minutes : April minutes approved and signed off.

New Items for Discussion

Ivychurch Interpretation Hub and Heritage Exhibition

Ms Liz Grant of the 5th Continent Landscape Partnership provided details of the information board and wooden seats making up the proposed **Ivychurch Interpretation Hub**, which will be one of a network of hubs across Romney Marsh. Liz anticipates that two frog-shaped seats will be ready to instal in 3-4 weeks. After installation, both the seats and information board will become council property and will need to be added to the hall insurance. **Jools**. The **Heritage Exhibition** will be held at the village hall 18th/19th June. Also a set of booklets has been created for use by all, including "Investigating Ivychurch" which will be made available for distribution.

Artist Briony Kapoor

Rick then invited local artist Briony Kapoor to speak. She set out her vision for the future of the Hope All Saints site, which falls within the St. Mary in the Marsh parish boundary.

Jubilee Event

Final costs for the village Jubilee celebrations are a little over £1,000. Councillors agreed the council's contribution will amount to between £500 and £600.

Victim Support Donation Request

It was agreed this would come under the Section137 category, which everyone agreed needed better understanding. **Jools** will compose a summary defining what is Section137 spending and what comes under the council's statutory powers. This request is shelved until that is prepared.

Play Area Cleanup

Prior to July's annual Play Safety Inspection, a working party will meet at the hall for an hour or so at 7.30pm on Thursday, 30th June, to tidy up (weeds etc.) **Jools** will put a note on WhatsApp for volunteers.

Actions from Previous Meetings

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22

The AGAR for 2021/22 was reviewed, for which the following actions are minuted:

- **AGAR(1)** The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk;
- **AGAR(2)** The Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- **AGAR(3)** The Certificate of Exemption was signed by the RFO and Chairman.

Jools will post the completed paperwork on the council website and send email to the auditors.

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Public Rights of Way - ongoing

- The barrier has been removed from Mountain Lane. Julie has spoken to the British Horse Society and Trail Riding Association. The BHS has put forward several lanes for designation as Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs), while already being designated as a Public Highway – this will help mapping.
- - ongoing - John will discuss the Autograss footpath with track management and the farmer.

Hall Refurbishment / Internal Decoration

- **Curtains** : it was agreed to leave the curtains as they are. Remove
- **Fluorescent lighting, outside PIR lights, fire escape light, outdoor timer switch** – complete
- **Hall soffits and fascias** –ongoing. Rick
- **Internal decoration** – The quote of around £3,000 was agreed. agreed to keep colours as they are now, a silk finish preferred over a matt finish. Work will commence around September time, Alan and Tony will sort out dates for the work.
- **Door security** – ongoing - Andy will ask his contact to review security of the hall's UPVC door.

Hall and Green

Hall cleaning : Tony is happy to continue with hall cleaning. The council asked him to submit invoices reflecting the time he is spending on this.

Playground Inspection Report : Rick and John will look at what else is needed. Rick/John - ongoing

Outside water options: the intended pump is unfortunately too dilapidated, but it was agreed a diaphragm pump would be sourced by Andy.

Hall Heating : Andy passed £50.50 to Jan collected from the coin meter. Andy is keeping the coin meter under review.

Indoor notice board – Rick ongoing

Telephone kiosk - it was agreed for Alan to request a quote from the decorator being appointed to carry out the internal hall decorations.

Highways Improvement Plan :

- **Contacts** : It has been very difficult to get responses; the team has been restructured and is now known as the Highways Improvement Team, we have been advised of contacts. Julie hopes to hear within the week about getting something done. Some movement on the damaged telegraph pole was seen since the local newspaper took an interest, and the reporter is keen to come back to cover the road issues. Alan will send him a copy of the traffic survey data and a meeting may be arranged with him and Highways. A resident will put an update on progress on the village WhatsApp group.
- **Speed check strips statistics** : Julie and Alan to meet with HIT member discuss this, and the results of the survey more generally (Julie to arrange).
- **Road use by HGVs** : Julie mentioned "lorrywatch" should be added to next month's agenda.

Community Speed Watch

- Rick has been arranging sessions by email to operatives.
 - Joels has forwarded details to interested new recruits and will sort out a fresh recruitment campaign.
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Treasurer's Reports

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| <p>May 2022: Current Balance 19/05/22 12841.35 Previous Balance 21/04/22 17430.36 Debits 21/04/22 32.14DD Octopus energy 21/04/22 238.80 bac Aubergine web hosting 05/05/22 157.99 bac KALC 05/05/22 10.16 bac Business Stream 05/05/22 60.00 bac WSL gardening 13/05/22 3990.00 bac Paine electrics and lights 13/05/22 99.92 bac R Bailey nets and keysafe Credits none Unrepresented none</p> | <p>June 2022: Current Balance 16/06/22 13001.64 Previous Balance 19/05/22 12841.35 Debits 09/06/22 60.00 bac WSL gardening 14/06/22 29.71 dd castle water Credits 01/06/22 190.00 via Tony 100501 08/06/22 20.00 bac hall hire 14/06/22 40.00 bac hall hire 16/06/22 50.00 from meter to petty cash Unrepresented Nil</p> |
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Pipeline

Hall Decoration 2865 internal 1680 external waiting further quotes
 Highways 3000 and 1500
 Jubilee 500-600

Section 137 Spend – running total for period 1st April 2022- 31st March 2023 - £0

Planning - No new applications noted.

Diarised / Correspondence / Any Other Business

It was noted that New Romney Town Council are conducting meetings about traffic speed.

Energy usage - *Summaries of energy usage (KWH) as billed from the Smart Meter are shown here as they become available; please note billing dates and periods vary from month to month, so standing charge periods will also vary.*

1st April/31st May 2022 Total £40.24

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| DAY : usage | 62.2 KWH at 18.77p | £12.23 |
| NIGHT : usage | 32.5 KWH at 14.44p | £ 4.70 |
| Standing charge | 57 at 37.53 | £21.39 |

Energy exported - 21/06/22 Credit £25.04

Next Parish Council meeting : Thursday 28th July 2022, 7.30pm in Village Hall. Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.